

Quick Win: Top 5 Do's & Don'ts of a Leaders Meeting

Hey guys, welcome to this Quick Win on the top five Don'ts of a Leaders Meeting.

So where is the win here? Well, when you run effective leaders meetings that really help people with their volunteering, their serving and their leadership – 1. People will go away feeling happy, satisfied and content with what you are doing in those leaders meetings and 2. They are more likely to come back to the next one you call, so there is a huge win here.

And this does help you grow a healthy church because happy leaders are going to lead to a healthy church, so here we go top five things you should do or not do in a leaders meeting.

1. Don't sing

I am allergic to singing in leaders meetings! Well if you having a leaders meeting and I'm there and you are singing, I will sing. But what you want to do is differentiate the leaders meeting the volunteers meeting, whether you call it "All In" or "team meeting" or "all teams", whatever you call it, differentiate between that meeting and a Sunday service.

So on a Sunday service you are pretty well always going to sing, so don't sing in a leaders meeting.

I think it has limited value and I think you are better off filling up the time with other things that have added value, so get rid of the worship set in your leaders meetings.

2. Share some good news

So you as the pastor share some good news. You as a church leader bring some good news to the meeting. Make sure you have three or four good news sharing and generally not just done by one person where one person just kind of reads out the good news.

Get people up to share it. They'll carry the vibe and the feel and the excitement of that good news. Share with your team the good news because everyone loves to hear results of things that are going well. Maybe someone getting baptized, it may be someone that has had a change in their heart might be an attitudinal thing that has shifted. It might be someone

who invited a friend to church who came to church and kind of made a decision for Christ or at least came back a second time.

All sorts of good news stories, just get them flowing into the leaders meetings. People know then that this is why we do what we do.

3. Don't teach, train

Teaching, just standing up and talking about something, you don't know if people are getting that knowledge and wisdom and information.

But in training you have a feedback loop. You ask people how's this going, what is going on there. So think harder about the segments of teaching that you do, so that they're training sessions not teaching sessions.

Now you can do teaching sessions at different times but if everyone is coming to a leaders meeting and there is 30 minutes of you doing what you'd normally do on a Sunday pastor, I don't think it is as effective as people breaking out into their areas of service and learning a new skill or refreshing an old skill or up skilling in some kind of new vital area.

Think training!

4. Eat and drink

Make sure there is some food and some drinks. Not cardboard biscuits, not kind of like Maxwell House coffee. Kind of up the ante with the food and the drink.

A great way to actually start a leaders meeting is to have a kind of 7:30pm – 7.45pm, if that's your meeting time, where you have this coffee and eat and drink sort of mode that is relaxed and so people coming late don't feel bad about being late.

You want to have a vibe that is not we start on the dot at 7.30pm and we notice everyone who walks in the door late, I am not a fan of that. I'd rather have a kind of window, a tunnel of starting point where people are eating, drinking, talking and chatting so you create the atmosphere of hey we are here to connect relationally as well as learn to do something.

5. Do lots of thank you's

Thank people publicly, thanks people privately. In that coffee conversation just go around and say hey thanks so much for what you are doing in the kids area, thanks so much for what you're doing in the hospitality zone, what you are doing in small groups is wonderful.



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Find some specific things that you can thank people for. Get past the generalisation and do some specific thank you's.

I am a real fan that a leaders meeting hand out lots of Mars bars or apples or I don't know, some little gifts that let people know hey you thought about me and bring a specific encouragement, a specific thank you. Specific is always far better than general.

But you can do a lot of general thank you's. You can thank a whole department at once and give all the youth leaders an orange, they can eat it while the meeting is on.

But do thank you's a lot in your leaders meetings.

Okay, there you go. Leave some comments below, some feedback. Maybe you have some do's and don'ts that you really operate on with your leaders meetings, you can leave them in the comments.

There you go 5 Do's & Don'ts of a Leaders Meeting.

God bless you.